

# Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 31<sup>st</sup> January 1997

Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the Earth glorifies Allah the Sovereign the Holy the Mighty the Wise.

*The Holy Quran.* al-Jumuah [The Congregation]: 2.

The subject of all the noble objectives for which the Holy Prophet ﷺ came and whose bounty joined both the eras together begins with invocation. The subject of praise follows the subject of invoking Allah. I will explain the subject of invocation with reference to this verse which links us with the age of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

I had mentioned that *The Holy Quran* speaks of the invocation of everything in the universe but this does not necessitate its being accompanied with the subject of praise. Invocation means to chant the pristine lustre of God and that he is totally pure from all taints of conjecture. Everything illustrious gives birth to a spontaneous subject of praise. In this relation they both hold onto an unbreakable bond. For example if someone is totally pure of falsehood it is impossible to say that they are not truthful.

Surah Fatiha begins with praise and this in fact means that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ has accomplished every stage of invocation and stands upon the high status of praise. However every prayer always begins with invocation. It begins with *Glory be to you O Allah!* The subject of forgiveness also starts off with invocation before entering into praise.

Most of the verses of *The Holy Quran* which mention inanimate things stop at invocation and praise is not always mentioned but there are 2 such verses which appear to speak of inanimate objects but also mention praise. However this subject mentions their invocation and praise in a manner that says *You cannot comprehend it*.

We are to see how we can derive benefit from the subject of invocation during this Ramadan. It is categorically proven from the Quranic verses that invocation is necessary to forgiveness. One can never be familiar with the beauty of God's attributes without forgiveness and one cannot be deserving of comprehending the attributes of God or of real praise without forgiveness which is related to invocation. One cannot be purified of one's stains as long as one is unforgiven and if one does not wash one's stains in the waters of forgiveness then those stains are burnt. There is the prayer of Prophet Jonah (peace be upon him): 'There is no God but You, Holy are You. I have indeed been of the wrongdoers'.<sup>1</sup>

Make efforts for your forgiveness in the remaining days of Ramadan with reference to such prayers.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Quran.* al-Anbiya [The Prophets]: 88.

Every steps that rises in praise rises with the Praiseworthy. In this relation you cannot attain praise without Divine refuge and Divine refuge demands much invocation. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has taught the reading of the words that are very dear to Allah the Almighty '*Glory be to Allah and Praise, Glory be to Allah the Supreme*'.

Chanting these would be a cause of your manifold forgiveness and would also grace you with many a fine gnostic insight. If you understand the subject of '*Glory be to Allah and praise*' you will advance rapidly in knowledge and wisdom even without recourse to worldly knowledge.

When you recite '*Glory be to you O Allah!*' in the formal prayer consider whether you have the right to praise God in every way. Similarly when reciting [the prayer] '*In complimenting Allah*' consider whether you are even presenting any gifts of compliments and graces before Allah or not. Also perform the *Salat* with concentration and you will observe the subject of glorification applying to your lives in a new manner. It is important to analyse each and every subject in this way. It is the subject about which the Holy Prophet ﷺ stated that Allah informs the person who spent the entire Ramadan in deep self-analysis that all their sins would be forgiven.

Ponder over glory so much that you reach the last stage of humility after which you see your existence vanishing and fearsome cries rise up from your heart that '*O God! It is only you it is only you nothing else apart from it*'. Eradicate yourselves with reference to facts and through observing your own faults and pinpointing those stains and try to purify yourselves from them stains any which way. This is the topic that nobody understands better than the Prophets which is the reason they repent until God says that '*What you think to be stains no longer remain stains*'.

Enter the subject of gratitude through invocation followed by praise and your whole life would be made and you will be worthy of creating dozens of other lives. Account for yourselves and become pure through self-analysis and embark upon new journeys after having received the gift of forgiveness from God.

Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar who was ex-Amir of Jamat Karachi has passed away from natural causes one day ago '*We belong to Allah and return to Him*'. He was born in Moza Derr village Number 29 Sangla Hill in the district of Sheikhpura in 1909. His father passed away in his youth, so he was unable to continue his education beyond metric level and became employed as an Auditor in the Co-operative Bank. Shortly after he began working as a Director in Shanawaz Ltd in Delhi. Following partition after working in Shahnawaz Ltd in Karachi for 5 years he started an independent Auto Parts and Chemicals business. The Chemicals Agency which belonged to him till the end continues under the care of his son Chaudhry Anees Ahmad. Mr. Chaudhry was firstly appointed as the General Secretary of Karachi and the Principle Executive of Ansarullah and then as the Vice President of Jamat Karachi. In 1965 he was appointed the Amir of Jamat Ahmadiyya Karachi and served until 16<sup>th</sup> October 1996.

He remained Amir Jamat Karachi until the last few months and he has worked a lot for Jamat Karachi. It was no minor task to maintain and progress from the level to which Hazrat Chaudhry Abdullah Khan had taken the Community but he fulfilled the duties of this office in every way. His lack of knowledge was just in terms of Degrees otherwise he was also very

accomplished in the English language. He had an endless passion for reading. He had such love of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) that he would spend 4 hours daily in indexing the books. He leaves behind a widow Mrs. Parveen Mukhtar who is an assistant in my office in the works of the Central Lajna, his 2 sons Chaudhry Mahmood Mukhtar and Chaudhry Anees and a daughter. He was afflicted with very serious illnesses these last 2 years but his trust and courage knew no end. May Allah immerse him in mercy.

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